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Re: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: STARS – A MUSCLE-SPECIFIC ACTIN-BINDING PROTEIN – Eric Olson et al.*
Our Ref. No. MYOG:037US / Matter No. 10203339

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Transmitted herewith for filing is a 132-page patent specification including 105 claims; an abstract and a twelve page sequence listing. Also included are Figures 1-7 on 7 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Eric N. Olson and Akiko Arai for the captioned invention.

Also transmitted herewith is a cd-rom containing the computer-readable form of those sequences in the specification, a Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), and a separate paper copy of the sequence listing.

Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventors' Declaration and Assignment, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f), the Applicants request the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicants request that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) be sent to the undersigned Applicants' representative.

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